

## A B S T R A C T

## A TELESCOPIC GUIDE PIPE FOR OFF-SHORE DRILLING

5           The present invention relates to a guide device (3)  
for an off-shore drilling installation comprising at  
least one drilling riser (2) extending from a floating  
support to a said guide device (3) at the sea bottom (4),  
said drilling being performable from said floating  
10 support via said drilling riser (2) using a drill string  
fitted at its end with drilling tools. According to the  
invention, said telescopic guide device (3) comprises a  
telescopic guide pipe (3) comprising coaxial telescopic  
pipe elements (3a, 3b, 3c) about an axis XX', the  
15 smallest-diameter innermost telescopic pipe element (3c)  
being fitted at its end with means for breaking up the  
ground suitable for progressively burying said telescopic  
guide pipe (3) in the ground so as to enable a drilling  
tool to be guided more deeply into the ground.

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